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June 4, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: ADOPT RESOLUTIONS FOR THE
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT PROGRAM
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to adopt resolutions required by the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Program to apply for funding for six projects submitted by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District as well as to provide authorization to the Acting Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to file applications for local assistance from the grant program and to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents related to the applications.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Adopt the Resolutions that:

1. Authorize the filing of grant applications to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Program for the (1) San Jose Creek Multiuse Study, (2) the Avocado Creek and Workman Mill Restoration, (3) the Puente Creek and La Seda Restoration, (4) the Canyon Grounds Multiuse Improvements, (5) the Lario Creek Multiuse Improvements, and (6) the Big Tujunga Dam Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Project.

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2. Certify that these projects are consistent with applicable local or regional land use plans and programs, that these projects are consistent with Common Ground and Phase II Final Reports, that the Los Angeles County Flood Control District has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain these projects, and that the Los Angeles County Flood Control District has reviewed and understands the General Requirements and General Policies in the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Program Guidelines.
3. Authorize the Acting Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents related to the grant applications.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to adopt resolutions to meet the requirements of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program in applying for funding for a total amount of \$17,250,000 for the following projects: San Jose Creek Multiuse Study, Avocado Creek and Workman Mill Restoration, Puente Creek and La Seda Restoration, Canyon Grounds Multiuse Improvements, Lario Creek Multiuse Improvements, and the Big Tujunga Dam Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Project, hereinafter referred to as PROJECTS. Any awarded grant funds will be used to offset portions of the PROJECTS' costs.

Of these six projects being submitted to the RMC for consideration in their grant program, the Big Tujunga Dam Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Project is the only project seeking funding for an ongoing construction project. The other projects are currently in concept development for various water conservation, habitat restoration, and passive recreation enhancements and have not yet been submitted to your Board.

Your Board previously approved construction of the Big Tujunga Dam Seismic Rehabilitation and Spillway Modification, including a low-flow valve, which will enable the dam to capture and store additional stormwater runoff. The additional stormwater will be released and conserved downstream for local water supply. A portion of the water will be used to supplement stream flow to enhance and restore habitat for the federally listed (threatened) Santa Ana Sucker (SAS). Any awarded grant funds will be used to offset a portion of the project costs to conduct habitat surveys, install temperature and stream gages, and develop hydraulic models to determine beneficial flow regimes for the SAS. This data can be integrated with a new operating plan for the rehabilitated dam. The grant funds will also be used to fund a portion of the cost of a low-flow valve to be installed on the dam.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) by obtaining grant funds to offset the County's total expenditure for the proposed PROJECTS and Community Services (Goal 6) by providing increased flood protection, sustainable water supply, and recreational facilities for the residents of the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

These PROJECTS are funded with Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) funds, and the costs will be partially offset with any awarded grant funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The RMC Grant Program procedures require your Board to adopt the attached resolutions before the RMC will submit the grant applications to the State.

On June 26, 2007, your Board approved a construction contract with Shimmick Construction Company for the Big Tujunga Dam Seismic Rehabilitation and Spillway Modification Project. Implementation of the Big Tujunga Dam Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Project will ensure that the post-rehabilitation operation of the dam complies with the Endangered Species Act with respect to the SAS, a federally listed (threatened) fish present in the stream below the dam.

The remaining projects being submitted by LACFCD for consideration in the RMC Grant Program are currently in the planning phase. We will return to your Board for any authorization necessary to complete design and construction of the PROJECTS.

The attached resolutions have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA. This proposed action would create a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to a specific project, which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The PROJECTS will enhance water quality and water conservation, restore habitat, and provide passive recreational opportunities for the residents of the County.

CONCLUSION

Please return five adopted copies of this letter and signed copies of the resolutions to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (6)

c: County Counsel
Department of Public Works (Programs Development, Water Resources)

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SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL,
RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROP 84)

For the San Jose Creek Multiuse Study (Project)

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) is proposing to carry out the Project; and

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WHEREAS, the Project is eligible for the award of grant funds under these State grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of these grant programs within its jurisdiction and for setting up necessary procedures (the RMC Grant Program); and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by RMC require that an applicant's governing body certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, if an application is granted, the applicant will be required enter into a contract with the State of California pertaining to the use of the grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of the LACFCD, hereby:

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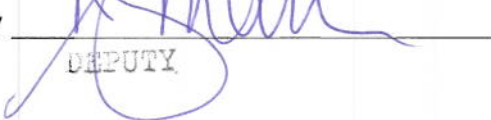
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5. Certifies that the LACFCD has reviewed and understands the General Requirements and General Policies in the RMC Grant Program Guidelines; and
6. Appoints the Acting Chief Engineer of the LACFCD or his designee as agent to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents related to the grant application referred to in paragraph 1.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 4th day of JUNE, 2008, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as the governing body of the LACFCD.



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For the Avocado Creek and Workman Mill Restoration (Project)

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) is proposing to carry out the Project; and

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WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) is proposing to carry out the Project; and

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WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) is proposing to carry out the Project; and

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